

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method implemented in a digital processing system to enable a user to have a custom desired experience while accessing electronic files using an application, each electronic file storing content in the form of corresponding data, said method being performed in said digital processing system, said method comprising:

providing said user the ability to specify a first experience profile associated with a first electronic file and a second experience profile associated with a second electronic file, said first experience profile being provided external to said first electronic file and said second experience profile being provided external to said second electronic file, said first experience profile containing a first set of values for a first set of experience attributes and said second experience profile containing a second set of values for a second set of experience attributes;

storing a first entry indicating that said ~~first user~~ first experience profile is associated with said first electronic file and a second entry indicating that said second experience profile is associated with said second electronic file, both of said first entry and said second entry being stored in a memory, said first entry being stored in response to said user specifying that said ~~first user~~ first experience profile is associated with said first electronic file and said second entry being stored in response to said user specifying that said second experience profile is associated with said second electronic file;

receiving a first request to open said first electronic file and a second request to open said second electronic file, wherein both of said first request and said second request are received after said storing of said first entry and said second entry in said memory;

controlling said first set of experience attributes according to said first set of values based on said first entry in said memory while providing access to a substantial portion of the data stored in said first electronic file using said application in response to said first request; and

controlling said second set of experience attributes according to said second set of values based on said second entry in said memory while providing access to a substantial portion of the data stored in said second electronic file using said application in response to said second request.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing said user the ability to specify said first experience profile associated with a third electronic file; and

controlling said first set of experience attributes according to said first set of values while providing access to the data stored in said third electronic file.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 2, further comprising setting said first set of experience attributes to respective ones of said first set of values as specified in said first experience profile to change the experience while accessing the respective data stored in each of said first electronic file and said third electronic file, but not while accessing the data stored in said second electronic file.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein said first set of values is not the same as said second set of values and wherein said first set of experience attributes is not the same as said second set of experience attributes.

Claims 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said first set of experience attributes comprises a shape of a cursor.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said first electronic file comprises a document which can be edited using said application and wherein said first set of experience attributes indicates a music file to be played, said controlling said first set of experience attributes comprising playing music represented by said music file using another application while enabling editing of said document using said application,

wherein said document is opened for said editing and also said music file is played in response to receiving said first open request.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said application is executed on said digital processing system supported by an operating system, wherein said application and said operating system on said digital processing system respectively support an application default and an operating system default,

wherein said operating system default, said application default and said first experience profile respectively specifies a first value, a second value and a third value for a first attribute, and wherein said first electronic file does not internally contain a value for said first attribute,

wherein said first attribute is contained in said first set of attributes and said third value is contained in said first set of values,

wherein said controlling controls said first attribute according to said third value while providing access to the data stored in said first electronic file using said application,

wherein said operating system default and said application default respectively specifies a fourth value and a fifth value for a second attribute, and neither said first experience profile nor said first electronic file specifies a value for said second attribute,

wherein said second attribute is contained in said first set of attributes,

wherein said controlling controls said second attribute according to said fifth value while providing access to the data stored in said first electronic file using said application,

wherein said operating system default specifies a sixth value for a third attribute, and none of said first experience profile, said first electronic file and said application default specifies a corresponding value for said third attribute,

wherein said third attribute is contained in said first set of attributes,

wherein said controlling controls said third attribute according to said sixth value while providing access to the data stored in said first electronic file using said application,

wherein said operating system default, said application default, said first experience profile and said first electronic file respectively specifies a seventh value, a eighth value, a ninth value and a tenth value for a fourth attribute,

wherein said controlling controls said fourth attribute according to said tenth value while providing access to the data stored in said first electronic file using said application,

whereby values provided in said operating system default, said application default, said first experience profile and said first electronic file are overridden in that order.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said providing comprises:

displaying on a display unit a plurality of experience profiles available for association with individual ones of specific electronic files as desired by said user, wherein said plurality

of experience profiles comprising said first experience profile and said second experience profile; and

receiving a selection from said user based on the display on said display unit, wherein said selection indicates that said first experience profile is to be associated with said first electronic file,

wherein said controlling provides access to the data stored in said first electronic file according to said first experience profile in response to receiving said selection.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A method of enabling a user to play desired songs while editing the content of corresponding files, said method comprising:

enabling said user to specify an experience attribute associated with a first electronic file and a value for said experience attribute, wherein said experience attribute identifies another file containing data representing a song;

receiving an input to open said first electronic file;

opening said first electronic file using a word processing application to enable said user to edit a substantial portion of the data stored in said first electronic file in response to receiving said input; and

playing said song also in response to receiving said input, wherein said song is played also in response to said user specifying said experience attribute associated with said electronic file while said user edits the data stored in said first electronic file using said word processing application.

Claim 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 10, wherein said user can specify a second experience attribute associated with said first electronic file, wherein said second experience attribute controls a volume of said song during said playing.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 12, wherein said experience attribute and said second experience attribute are specified in an experience profile associated with said first electronic file.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A computer readable medium storing one or more sequences of instructions causing a digital processing system to enable a user to have a custom desired experience while accessing electronic files using an application, each electronic file storing content in the form of corresponding data, wherein execution of said one or more sequences of instructions by one or more processors contained in said digital processing system causes said digital processing system to perform the actions of:

providing said user the ability to specify a first experience profile associated with a first electronic file and a second experience profile associated with a second electronic file, said first experience profile being provided external a first electronic file and said second experience profile being provided external to said second electronic file, said first experience profile containing a first set of values for a first set of experience attributes and said second experience profile containing a second set of values for a second set of experience attributes;

receiving a first request to open said first electronic file and a second request to open said second electronic file, wherein both of said first request and said second request are received after said user associates said first experience profile with said first electronic file and said second experience profile with said second electronic file;

controlling said first set of experience attributes according to said first set of values while providing access to a substantial portion of the data stored in said first electronic file using said application in response to said first request; and

controlling said second set of experience attributes according to said second set of values while providing access to a substantial portion of the data stored in said second electronic file using said application in response to said second request.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising one or more instructions for:

providing said user the ability to specify said first experience profile associated with a third electronic file; and

controlling said first set of experience attributes according to said first set of values while providing access to the data stored in said third electronic file.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 15, further comprising one or more instructions for setting said first set of experience attributes to

respective ones of said first set of values as specified in said first experience profile to change the experience while accessing the respective data stored in each of said first electronic file and said third electronic file, but not while accessing the data stored in said second electronic file.

Claim 17 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said first set of values is not the same as said second set of values and wherein said first set of experience attributes is not the same as said second set of experience attributes.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising one or more instructions for:

storing an association information indicating that said first experience profile is associated with said first electronic file and said second experience profile is associated with said second electronic file when said user provides said association information;

receiving an input to open said first electronic file after said storing of said association information;

examining said association information to determine that said first experience profile is to be used by said application in providing access to the data stored in said first electronic file, wherein said examining is performed in response to said receiving; and

providing access to the data stored in said first electronic file while controlling said first set of experience attributes according to said first set of values.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said first set of experience attributes comprises a shape of a cursor.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said first electronic file comprises a document which can be edited using said application and wherein said first set of experience attributes indicates a music file to be played, said controlling said first set of experience attributes comprising playing music represented by said music file using another application while enabling editing of said document using said application.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein said application is executed on said digital processing system supported by an operating system, wherein said application and said operating system respectively support an application default and an operating system default,

wherein said operating system default, said application default and said first experience profile respectively specifies a first value, a second value and a third value for a first attribute, and wherein said first electronic file does not internally contain a value for said first attribute,

wherein said first attribute is contained in said first set of attributes and said third value is contained in said first set of values,

wherein said controlling controls said first attribute according to said third value while providing access to the data stored in said first electronic file using said application,

wherein said operating system default and said application default respectively specifies a fourth value and a fifth value for a second attribute, and neither said first experience profile nor said first electronic file specifies a value for said second attribute,

wherein said second attribute is contained in said first set of attributes,

wherein said controlling controls said second attribute according to said fifth value while providing access to the data stored in said first electronic file using said application,

wherein said operating system default specifies a sixth value for a third attribute, and none of said first experience profile, said first electronic file and said application default specifies a corresponding value for said third attribute,

wherein said third attribute is contained in said first set of attributes,

wherein said controlling controls said third attribute according to said sixth value while providing access to the data stored in said first electronic file using said application,

wherein said operating system default, said application default, said first experience profile and said first electronic file respectively specifies a seventh value, a eighth value, a ninth value and a tenth value for a fourth attribute,

wherein said controlling controls said fourth attribute according to said tenth value while providing access to the data stored in said first electronic file using said application,

whereby values provided in said operating system default, said application default, said first experience profile and said first electronic file are overridden in that order

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein said providing comprises:

displaying on a display unit a plurality of experience profiles available for association with individual ones of specific electronic files as desired by said user, wherein said plurality of experience profiles comprising said first experience profile and said second experience profile; and

receiving a selection from said user based on the display on said display unit, wherein said selection indicates that said first experience profile is to be associated with said first electronic file,

wherein said controlling provides access to the data stored in said first electronic file according to said first experience profile in response to receiving said selection.

Claims 23 - 26 (Canceled)

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said memory is a non-volatile memory such that storing stores said association information in said non-volatile memory.

Claim 28 (Canceled)

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): A method of enabling a user to have a custom desired experience while accessing the respective content in the form of corresponding data stored in electronic files using an application, said method comprising:

enabling a user to specify a first experience profile associated with a first electronic file, wherein no experience profile is specified associated with a second electronic file;

receiving a first request to open said first electronic file using said application and a second request to open said second electronic file using said application after said user associates said first experience profile with said first electronic file and no experience profile is specified associated with said second electronic file;

providing access to the data stored in said first electronic file in response to receiving said first request and to the data stored in said second electronic file in response to receiving said second request;

controlling a set of attributes according to a second set of values while providing access to the data stored in said second electronic file, wherein each of said second set of values for a corresponding attribute is formed from a default value overridden by a value internal to said second electronic file for the same attribute if present within said second electronic file,

wherein said default value is specified by at least one of said application and an operating system executing said application; and

controlling said set of attributes according to a first set of values while providing access to the data stored in said first electronic file, wherein each of said first set of values for a corresponding attribute is formed from said default value overridden by a value specified in said first experience profile for the same attribute if present within said first experience profile, which is further overridden by another value internal to said first electronic file for the same attribute if present within said first electronic file.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 29 wherein said default value for an attribute is formed by any value specified by an operating system default specified by said operating system overridden by any value specified by an application default specified by said application for said attribute.